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Ms. Emma Forkner, Director South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Post Office Box 8206 Columbia, South Carolina 29202-8206

Re: South Carolina Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Transmittal #10-003

Dear Ms. Forkner:

We have reviewed South Carolina's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 10-003, which was submitted to the Atlanta Regional Office on July 29, 2010. This amendment impacts the State's CHIP Healthy Connections Kids (HCK) coverage group. Specifically, South Carolina plans to convert your stand-alone CHIP program to the current Medicaid /CHIP expansion. The FPL will not change during this conversion, and the title XIX program will cover families up to 200% of the FPL.

Based on the information provided, we are pleased to inform you that South Carolina SPA 10-003 was approved on October 19, 2010. The effective date is October 1, 2010. The signed CMS-179 and the approved plan pages are enclosed. If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please contact Tandra Hodges at (404) 562-7409.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jackie Glaze Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosures